

**Bangor Township Meeting  
April 12th, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Bangor Township Board was held at the Bangor Township Hall on April 22th, 2022 at 7:00pm. Board Members present were Michael Sullins- Supervisor, Amanda Karr- Clerk, Sandra Karr- Treasurer, Brenda Casperson- Trustee and David Houdek- Trustee

Opened meeting at 7:00pm  
Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the Regular meeting of March 8th 2022 approved by consent.  
The minutes of the Special meetings of March 30th 2022 approved by consent.

**I. Reports:**

**A. Clerks Report**

1. 5 Receipts totalling \$2,246.00
2. Bills
  - a) Vouchers 8572-8585 totalling \$5,122.65
  - b) Motion to approve vouchers 8572-8585 totalling \$5,122.65

Motion: Sullins Second: Sandra Karr

Sullins: yes Sandra Karr: Yes Amanda Karr: Yes

Casperson: Yes Houdek: Yes

Supervisor declares motion passed

Financial Statements are available.

**B. Treasurer's Report**

Tax Collection is complete, the township is completely caught up on delinquent taxes.

Bangor Banking Center Super Multiplier	\$1,052,755.58
Interest Earned	\$215.95
Bangor Banking Center Municipality	\$57,050.50
Interest Earned	\$12.36
Bangor Banking Center Tax Checking	\$3,761.71
Interest Earned	\$84.61
Bangor Banking Center Cemetery Fund	\$10,290.34
Bangor Banking Center Fire Escrow	\$3.30
Bangor Banking Center Police	\$1,430.48
Bangor Banking Center ORV	\$100.20
PNC Bank	\$118,113.35
Interest Earned	\$1.00
Huntington Bank	\$305,336.01
Interest Earned	\$2.59

- C. Sheriff's Report- Deputy Torres reported 24 calls for the month of March, illegal dumping at School Section lake is being dealt with as evidence was left with the garbage.**
- D. Fire Board- Bruce Thatcher reported in place of Derek Babcock that there were 44 calls for the month of March with an average response time of 6:06 minutes. This brings the year to date call number to 126. Doug Landers served the Township well in his many years representing Bangor Township on the Fire Board.**
- E. County Commissioner- Mike Chappell reported Commissioners approved the hiring of John Small as the new buildings and Grounds Director. Van Buren County is working with Hartford Township and Southwest Michigan Planning Commission on a Kayak Launch Project that will be located in Hartford Township. The site will be on CR 687 North of Hartford and the total project cost is estimated at \$400,00.00 with \$296,000.00 from a DNR Grant, \$52,000 from Hartford Township and \$52,000 from Van Buren County. If the grant is approved this Kayak Launch will be a handicap accessible county park.**

**The County is selling the property located at 23200 Red Arrow Highway, Mattawan, MI to new owners who agree to pay property taxes and a deed restriction.**

**The Sheriff's Office is requesting to increase the wage for Seasonal Marine Patrol deputies from \$16.00 per hour to \$20.00 to keep competitive wages. County Commissioners approved the reappointment of Thomas Coles, Carie Faul, Thomas Palenick and Mike Toth to the Van Buren/ Cass Mental health Authority.**

**County Commissioners approved the purchase of two properties in Paw Paw, 309 S. Kalamazoo St. Paw Paw MI and 315 S. Kalamazoo St. Paw Paw. MI.**
- F. Pride Care- Steve Lowder reported 13 calls for the month of March with an average response time of 7:21 minutes. There were 9 priority one calls, 4 priority two calls, and 0 priority three calls.**

#### **IV. New Business**

- A. Motion to set times for New Fiscal year regular board meetings to be the second Tuesday of the Month at 7:00pm with the exception of November as the State Primary Election is on November 8th, therefore, the regular meeting of the Bangor Township Board will be on November 15th 2022.**

**Motion: Amanda Karr                      Second: Sullins**  
**Sullins: Yes,    Sandra Karr: Yes,    Amanda Karr: Yes,**  
**Casperson: Yes,    Houdek: Yes**  
**Supervisor Declares Motion Passed**

- B. Motion to approve Van Buren County Sheriff Department 10 additional hours, for a total of 20 hours of patrol and Code Enforcement within the Township beginning May 1st 2022.**

**Motion: Sullins              Second: Sandra Karr**  
**Sullins: Yes,    Sandra Karr: Yes,    Amanda Karr: Yes,**  
**Casperson: Yes,    Houdek: Yes**  
**Supervisor Declares Motion Passed**

- C. Motion to approve putting the Senior Services Mileage request on the August 2nd 2022 Ballot as presented. Amanda Karr read the proposals ballot language aloud to all present.**

**Motion: Amanda Karr                      Second: Sandra Karr**  
**Sullins: Yes,    Sandra Karr: Yes,    Amanda Karr: Yes,**  
**Casperson: Yes,    Houdek: No**  
**Supervisor Declares Motion Passed**

- D. Motion to appoint Bruce Thatcher to the ABB Fire Board as the Bangor Township Representative.**

**Motion: Sullins              Second: Houdek**  
**Sullins: Yes,    Sandra Karr: Yes,    Amanda Karr: Yes,**  
**Casperson: Yes,    Houdek: Yes**  
**Supervisor Declares Motion Passed**

- E. The Bangor Township Board discussed searching for a different Tax Assessor as there have been many complaints about Appraisals Plus Group.**

- F. Motion to accept the Lawn Care bid from Handyman Care for a total of \$8,000.00 per year for the years 2022-2024.**

**Motion: Sullins              Second: Houdek**  
**Sullins: yes    Sandra Karr: Yes    Amanda Karr: Yes    Casperson: Yes    Houdek: Yes**  
**Supervisor Declares Motion Passed**

**Public Comment:**

**Linda Poland- Shared concerns that the new senior services millage, if passed, will be active for 8 years.**

**Diane Rigozzi- Thanks the board for putting their proposal on the Ballot as there is not much offered to Seniors if this proposal is not passed. Senior Services will issue a quarterly report to all residents 60 years old and older to inform them of the benefits of the new facility and programs offered.**

**Bruce Thatcher- Mentioned seeing over 100 seniors at the new senior services center when he and a friend stopped there for lunch.**

**Brenda Casperson- Shared that there will be a Special Election on May 3rd for the Bangor School District residents.**

**Meeting Adjourned 7:39pm  
Respectfully Submitted  
Amanda Karr  
Bangor Township Clerk**